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# 1 Summary

- 1.1.1 This document supports the application by Western Power Distribution (South Wales) Plc (WPD) under the Planning Act 2008<sup>1</sup> (the Act) for The Western Power Distribution (Brechfa Forest Connection) Development Consent Order (the DCO). The DCO would grant powers to construct, operate and maintain a 28.6 kilometre 132kV electricity distribution connection between the chosen point of the connection at the existing EE Route tower line at Llandyfaelog, and Brechfa Forest West Wind Farm.
- 1.1.2 The whole project is known as the Brechfa Forest West Wind Farm Connection Project. That part of the Brechfa Forest West Wind Farm Connection Project that is the subject of the application for a DCO, is known as the Proposed Development. The Proposed Development will carry the power from the proposed Brechfa Forest West Wind Farm. The Proposed Development will provide the capacity necessary for the electricity distribution network in the area to transport increased power flows and meet predicted energy demand levels.
- 1.1.3 This document lists other consents that WPD intends to obtain to allow the construction, operation and maintenance of the Brechfa Forest Connection Project, or may need to obtain dependent on particular circumstances.
- 1.1.4 Section 37 of the Act sets out the content of an application for a DCO, including the requirements for the necessary accompanying documents specified in the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009<sup>2</sup>.
- 1.1.5 Regulations 5 and 6 of the APFP Regulations provide the statutory requirement for what must accompany a development consent application. These do not include a requirement to submit this document. However the application form guidance

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<sup>1</sup> 2008 c.29

<sup>2</sup> Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (S.I 2009/2264)

issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government in June 2013<sup>3</sup> requires that:

- 1.1.6 *“Where the proposed development will also require other consents, licences, permits, etc, to enable it to be constructed and / or operational, and for which the [SoS] is not the authorising body, then the applicant must list and briefly describe these in ...the application. Reference should be given to any that have already been applied for, and a copy enclosed of any that the applicant may already be in the possession of.”*
- 1.1.7 This document is also included in the list of *“suggested order of information submitted with the application”* at Appendix 1 of the Planning Inspectorate’s Advice Note 6<sup>4</sup>.
- 1.1.8 WPD is not aware of anything that justifies refusal of development consent and does not regard the need for other consents as a material risk to the Proposed Development.

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<sup>3</sup> Department for Communities and Local Government, Planning Act 2008. Application form guidance (June 2013)

<sup>4</sup> The Planning Inspectorate, Advice note six: Preparation and submission of application documents (October 2014).

## 2 Consents required

2.1.1 The following consents, licences and permits are expected to be required:

<b>Consenting Authority</b>	<b>Consent</b>	<b>Legislation</b>	<b>Status/Comment</b>
Natural Resources Wales	European Protected Species Licences	Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010	It is anticipated that EPS licences will be required for dormice and potentially bats. An application will be made once the DCO has been submitted.
Natural Resources Wales	Protected species licences	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	If required, an application for the licence will be made once the DCO has been made.
Natural Resources Wales	Licence to erect structures in, over or under any water which is part of a main river	Water Resources Act 1991	It is anticipated that licences will be required to erect structures relating to five main rivers. An application will be made once the DCO has been made.
Natural Resources Wales	Flood defences and drainage licences	Water Resources Act 1991	It is anticipated that licences will be required for both the overhead and undergrounding works. An application will be made once the DCO has been made.
Natural Resources Wales	Marine licences	Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.	It is anticipated that marine licences will be required for the HD drilling under the River Towy. An application will be made once the DCO has been made.

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Carmarthenshire County Council	Watercourse obstruction consents	Land Drainage Act 1991	It is anticipated that consents may be required for the ditches to be crossed by open cut methods. An application will be made once the DCO has been submitted if required.
Natural Resources Wales	Environmental permitting discharge consents	Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010	It is anticipated that environmental permit consents may be required for the discharge of water. An application will be made once the DCO has been submitted if required.
Dwr Cymru Cyfyngedig	Consent to discharge trade effluent into public sewers.	Water Industry Act 1991	It is anticipated that consent may be required to discharge water into public sewers. An application will be made once the DCO has been submitted if required.
Local Planning Authority	Permitted development for diversion of existing WPD apparatus, if necessary.	The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995	It is expected that WPD will be able to rely on permitted development rights to enable it to undertake diversions of its existing apparatus where affected by the authorised development.
Local Planning Authority	Planning permission to create, and operate from, the main construction compound.	The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As amended)	Planning consent will be required to use land at the county showground, Carmarthen as the main construction compound.
South Wales	Licence to	New Roads and Street	It is anticipated that a

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Trunk Roads Agency	install and maintain apparatus in a highway.	Works Act 1991	licence may be required for the works forming part of the authorised development that affect trunk roads. An application will be made after the DCO has been submitted, if required.
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